

LaFalce	Owens	Shuster
LaHood	Oxley	Sisisky
Lampson	Packard	Skaggs
Lantos	Parker	Skeen
Latham	Pastor	Slaughter
Lazio	Paul	Smith (MI)
Leach	Paxon	Smith (TX)
Levin	Payne	Smith, Adam
Lewis (CA)	Pease	Snyder
Lewis (GA)	Pelosi	Souder
Linder	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Livingston	Peterson (PA)	Stabenow
Lofgren	Pickering	Stearns
Lowey	Pickett	Stenholm
Luther	Pitts	Stokes
Maloney (CT)	Porter	Strickland
Maloney (NY)	Portman	Stupak
Manton	Poshard	Sununu
Markey	Price (NC)	Tanner
Matsui	Pryce (OH)	Tauscher
McCarthy (MO)	Quinn	Tauzin
McCollum	Ramstad	Thomas
McCrery	Rangel	Thompson
McDade	Reyes	Thornberry
McDermott	Riggs	Thune
McGovern	Rodriguez	Thurman
McIntosh	Roemer	Tierney
McIntyre	Rogan	Torres
Meehan	Rogers	Turner
Meek	Rothman	Upton
Menendez	Roukema	Vento
Millender-	Roybal-Allard	Visclosky
McDonald	Sabo	Watkins
Miller (FL)	Sanchez	Watt (NC)
Minge	Sandlin	Waxman
Moakley	Sawyer	Weldon (PA)
Molinari	Schumer	Wexler
Mollohan	Scott	Weygand
Morella	Sensenbrenner	White
Murtha	Serrano	Wicker
Nadler	Shadegg	Wolf
Neal	Shaw	Woolsey
Nethercutt	Shays	Wynn
Northup	Sherman	Young (FL)
Nussle	Shimkus	

NOT VOTING—20

Andrews	Inglis	Taylor (MS)
Ballenger	Kilpatrick	Taylor (NC)
Cubin	Kingston	Towns
Deutsch	Rush	Velazquez
Diaz-Balart	Sanford	Wise
Furse	Schiff	Yates
Hoekstra	Smith (OR)	

□ 1757

The Clerk announced the following pair: On this vote:

Mrs. Cubin for, with Mr. Kingston against.

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Are there other amendments?

If not, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

□ 1800

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE), having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 400) to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 116, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present during consideration of H.R. 400 today. As a cosponsor of this bill, however, I feel it is important for me to let my intentions be known on this important matter. Therefore, I would like to state for the RECORD that, had I been present, I would have voted against all of the amendment to H.R. 400 and supported final passage of the bill.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 400, 21ST CENTURY PATENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 400, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 400.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

WITHDRAWAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1062

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 1062.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and

nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken on Thursday, April 24, 1997.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANCE OF MAINTAINING HEALTH AND STABILITY OF CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H.Con. Res. 8) expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 8

Whereas coral reefs are among the world's most biologically diverse and productive marine habitats, and are often described as the tropical rain forests of the oceans;

Whereas healthy coral reefs provide the basis for subsistence, commercial fisheries, and coastal and marine tourism and are of vital economic importance to coastal States and territories of the United States including Florida, Hawaii, Georgia, Texas, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

Whereas healthy coral reefs function as natural, regenerating coastal barriers, protecting shorelines and coastal areas from high waves, storm surges, and accompanying losses of human life and property;

Whereas the scientific community has long established that coral reefs are subject to a wide range of natural and anthropogenic threats;

Whereas the United States has taken measures to protect national coral reef resources through the designation and management of several marine protected areas, containing reefs of the Flower Garden Banks in the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys in south Florida, and offshore Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa;

Whereas the United States, acting through its agencies, has established itself as a global leader in coral reef stewardship by launching the International Coral Reef Initiative and by maintaining professional networks for the purposes of sharing knowledge and information on coral reefs, furnishing near real-time data collected at coral reef sites, providing a repository for historical data relating to coral reefs, and making substantial contributions to the general fund of coral reef knowledge; and

Whereas 1997 has been declared the "International Year of the Reef" by the coral reef research community and over 40 national and international scientific, conservation, and academic organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress recognizes the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, by—

(1) promoting comprehensive stewardship for coral reef ecosystems;

(2) encouraging research, monitoring, and assessment of and education on coral reef ecosystems; and

(3) improving the coordination of coral reef efforts and activities of Federal agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and industry.